

Discipline Committee of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario

Citation: ONCRPO v. HUNTER, 2021 ONCRPO 4

Date of written reasons: July 28, 2021

Docket: C1819-28

IN THE MATTER OF the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, S.O. 1991, c. 18*, as amended, and the regulations thereunder, as amended;
IN THE MATTER OF the *Psychotherapy Act, 2007, S.O. 2007, c. 10, Sched. R*, as amended and the regulations thereunder, as amended;
AND IN THE MATTER OF a discipline proceeding against Wendy Hunter, a Registrant of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario.

Between: **COLLEGE OF REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS AND REGISTERED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO**

- and -

WENDY HUNTER (REGISTRATION #002935)

Before: Panel

**Andrew Benedetto (Chair)
Kathleen (Kali) Hewitt-Blackie
Carol Cowan-Levine
David Keast
Jane Snyder**

Date of hearing:

July 13, 2021

Appearances:

Maya Pearlston,

Counsel for College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario

Jennifer Hunter,

Independent Legal Counsel

Wendy Hunter, Registrant/Member

John Philips, Counsel for Wendy Hunter

DECISION AND REASONS

This matter came before a panel of the Discipline Committee (the "Panel") of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario (the "College") on July 13, 2021. The hearing proceeded via videoconference on consent of the parties.

The hearing was uncontested. It proceeded by way of an Agreed Statement of Facts ("ASF") and a Joint Submission on Penalty and Costs, which were jointly proposed by the counsel for the College and the Registrant, Wendy Hunter (the "Registrant").

The Panel made findings of professional misconduct and, at the conclusion of the hearing, delivered its finding and penalty order orally, with written reasons to follow. These are those reasons.

THE ALLEGATIONS

The allegations of professional misconduct against the Registrant were listed on the Notice of Hearing, dated April 22, 2020, which was filed as Exhibit 1, and read as follows:

The Registrant

1. Wendy Hunter (the "Registrant") has been a member of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario (the "College") since approximately December 10, 2015.

Client A, Client B and Family

2. It is alleged that between approximately December 2017 and March 2018, the Registrant held individual and/or joint psychotherapy sessions with Client A and his family, including Client A's current spouse, his two daughters, and/or his mother (Client B).

A. Misleading Claim about Consulting a Social Worker

3. It is alleged that in or around December 2017, Client A informed the Registrant that his or his former spouse's insurance plan did not cover services provided by registered psychotherapists.

4. It is alleged that in or around December 2017 and/or January 2018, the Registrant advised Client A her services would be insured as she would be working/consulting/liasing with a social worker.
5. It is alleged that the information relayed by the Registrant in paragraph 4 was a term of the agreement between the Registrant and Client A.
6. It is alleged that the information relayed by the Registrant in paragraph 4 was inaccurate and/or misleading.
7. It is alleged that as a result, Client A could not claim the Registrant's services as an insured service.

Professional Misconduct

8. It is alleged that the above conduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to section 51(1)(c) of the Health Professions Procedural Code as set out in one or more of the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 317/12 made under the *Psychotherapy Act, 2007*:
 - a. **Paragraph 1** – Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, namely,
 - i. 1.5 – General Conduct; and/or
 - ii. [Withdrawn];
 - b. **Paragraph 24** – Breaching, without reasonable cause, an agreement with a client or a client's authorized representative relating to professional services for the client or fees for such services; and/or
 - c. **Paragraph 52** – Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

B. Breaching Client Confidentiality

9. It is alleged that the Registrant wrote a report on or around March 22, 2018 containing personal health information of Client A and/or his family members.
10. It is alleged that the Registrant disclosed the report to Client A's former spouse without Client A's consent.

Professional Misconduct

11. It is alleged that the above conduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to section 51(1)(c) of the Code as set out in one or more of the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 317/12 made under the *Psychotherapy Act, 2007*:
- a. **Paragraph 1** – Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, namely,
 - i. 1.5 – [Withdrawn]; and/or
 - ii. 3.1 – Confidentiality;
 - b. [Withdrawn];
 - c. **Paragraph 43** – Contravening, by act or omission, a law in Canada if, i. the purpose of the law is to protect or promote public health, or ii. the contravention is relevant to the member's suitability to practice, namely
 - i. *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*, S.O. 2004, c. 3, Sched. A, section 29: A health information custodian shall not collect, use or disclose personal health information about an individual unless, (a) it has the individual's consent under this Act and the collection, use or disclosure, as the case may be, to the best of the custodian's knowledge, is necessary for a lawful purpose; or (b) the collection, use or disclosure, as the case may be, is permitted or required by this Act; and/or
 - d. **Paragraph 52** – Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

C. Not Providing Access to a Client's Own Record

12. It is alleged that in or around September 2018, Client A requested access to his health record in the custody of the Registrant.
13. It is alleged that the Registrant failed, without reasonable or lawful cause, to provide Client A with access to his own health record.

Professional Misconduct

14. It is alleged that the above conduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to section 51(1)(c) of the Code as set out in one or more of the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario regulation 317/12 made under the *Psychotherapy Act, 2007*;
- a. **Paragraph 1** – Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, namely,
- i. [Withdrawn]; and/or
 - ii. 5.1 – Record-keeping – Clinical Records;
- b. **Paragraph 43** – Contravening, by act or omission, a law in Canada if, i. the purpose of the law is to protect or promote public health, or ii. the contravention is relevant to the member's suitability to practise, namely;
- i. *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*, S.O. 2004, c. 3, Sched. A, section 54:

Response of health information custodian

54 (1) A health information custodian that receives a request from an individual for access to a record of personal health information shall,

(a) make the record available to the individual for examination and, at the request of the individual, provide a copy of the record to the individual and if reasonably practical, an explanation of any term, code or abbreviation used in the record;

(b) give a written notice to the individual stating that, after a reasonable search, the custodian has concluded that the record does not exist, cannot be found, or is not a record to which this Part applies, if that is

the case;

- (c) if the custodian is entitled to refuse the request, in whole or in part, under any provision of this Part other than clause 52 (1) (c), (d) or (e), give a written notice to the individual stating that the custodian is refusing the request, in whole or in part, providing a reason for the refusal and stating that the individual is entitled to make a complaint about the refusal to the Commissioner under Part VI; or
- (d) subject to subsection (1.1), if the custodian is entitled to refuse the request, in whole or in part, under clause 52 (1) (c), (d) or (e), give a written notice to the individual stating that the individual is entitled to make a complaint about the refusal to the Commissioner under Part VI, and that the custodian is refusing,
 - (i) the request, in whole or in part, while citing which of clauses 52 (1) (c), (d) and (e) apply,
 - (ii) the request, in whole or in part, under one or more of clauses 52 (1) (c), (d) and (e), while not citing which of those provisions apply, or
 - (iii) to confirm or deny the existence of any record subject to clauses 52 (1) (c), (d) and (e). 2004, c. 3, Sched. A, s. 54 (1); 2007, c. 10, Sched. H, s. 20 (1, 2).

- c. **Paragraph 52** – Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

D. Over-Disclosure to Client

15. [Withdrawn].

Professional Misconduct

16. [Withdrawn].

At the outset of the hearing, counsel for the College advised the panel that the College sought to withdraw the following paragraphs of Notice of Hearing (Exhibit 1): 8 (a) (i), 11 (a) (i), 11 (b), 14

(a) (i), 15 and 16. The Registrant, through her counsel, advised the panel that she consented to the College's request to withdraw the noted allegations.

The panel made an order at the hearing, orally, that the allegations contained in 8 (a) (i), 11 (a) (i), 11 (b), 14 (a) (i), 15 and 16 be withdrawn.

AGREED STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Agreed Statement of Facts was filed as Exhibit 2 and provides (without attachments) as follows:

The Registrant

1. Wendy Hunter (the "Registrant") has been a registrant of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario (the "College") since approximately December 10, 2015. Attached at **Tab "A"** [*to the Agreed Statement of Facts and Admission*] is a copy of the Registrant's profile on the College Register.

Client A and Family

2. Between December 2017 and March 2018, the Registrant held individual and joint psychotherapy sessions with Client A and his family, including Client A's current spouse, his two daughters, and his mother.

Misleading Claims about Consulting a Social Worker

3. In December 2017, Client A informed the Registrant that his or his former spouse's insurance plan did not cover services provided by registered psychotherapists.
4. In December 2017 and January 2018, the Registrant advised Client A that her services would be insured as she would be working/consulting/liasing with a social worker.
5. The information relayed by the Registrant in paragraph 4 was a term of the agreement between the Registrant and Client A.
6. The information relayed by the Registrant in paragraph 4 was inaccurate and misleading.

7. It is agreed that as a result, Client A could not claim the Registrant's services as an insured service.

Admission of Professional Misconduct

8. It is agreed that the above conduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to subsection 51(1)(c) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (the "Code"), as set out in the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 317/12 made under the *Psychotherapy Act, 2007*:
 - a. **Paragraph 1:** Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, including but not limited to:
 - i. 6.1 – Fees (attached as **Tab "B"** [to the *Agreed Statement of Facts and Admission*]);
 - b. **Paragraph 24:** Breaching, without reasonable cause, an agreement with a client or a client's authorized representative relating to professional services for the client or fees for such services; and
 - c. **Paragraph 52:** Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as unprofessional.

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9. The Registrant wrote a report on March 22, 2018, containing personal health information of Client A and his family members.
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 - a. **Paragraph 1:** Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the

profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, including but not limited to:

- i. 3.1 – Confidentiality (attached as **Tab “C”** [*to the Agreed Statement of Facts and Admission*]);
- b. **Paragraph 43:** Contravening, by act or omission, a law in Canada if, i. the purpose of the law is to protect or promote public health, or ii. the contravention is relevant to the member’s suitability to practise, namely:
 - i. *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*, SO 2004, c 3, Sched A, section 29:

A health information custodian shall not collect, use or disclose personal health information about an individual unless, (a) it has the individual’s consent under this Act and the collection, use or disclosure, as the case may be, to the best of the custodian’s knowledge, is necessary for a lawful purpose; or (b) the collection, use or disclosure, as the case may be, is permitted or required by this Act; and
- c. **Paragraph 52:** Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as unprofessional.

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- 12. In September 2018, Client A requested access to his health record in the custody of the Registrant.
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 - a. **Paragraph 1:** Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, including but not limited to:

- i. 5.1 – Record-keeping – Clinical Records (attached as **Tab “D”** [*to the Agreed Statement of Facts and Admission*]);
- b. **Paragraph 43:** Contravening, by act or omission, a law in Canada if, i. the purpose of the law is to protect or promote public health, or ii. the contravention is relevant to the member’s suitability to practise, namely:
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 - (b) give a written notice to the individual stating that, after a reasonable search, the custodian has concluded that the record does not exist, cannot be found, or is not a record to which this Part applies, if that is the case;
 - (c) if the custodian is entitled to refuse the request, in whole or in part, under any provision of this Part other than clause 52 (1) (c), (d) or (e), give a written notice to the individual stating that the custodian is refusing the request, in whole or in part, providing a reason for the refusal and stating that the individual is entitled to make a complaint about the refusal to the Commissioner under Part VI; or
 - (d) subject to subsection (1.1), if the custodian is entitled to refuse the request, in whole or in part, under clause 52 (1) (c), (d) or (e), give a written notice to the individual stating that the individual is entitled to make a complaint about the refusal to the Commissioner under Part VI, and that the custodian is refusing,
 - (i) the request, in whole or in part, while citing which of clauses 52 (1) (c), (d) and (e) apply,

(ii) the request, in whole or in part, under one or more of clauses 52 (1) (c), (d) and (e), while not citing which of those provisions apply, or
 (iii) to confirm or deny the existence of any record subject to clauses 52 (1) (c), (d) and (e).

- c. **Paragraph 52:** Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as unprofessional.

Plea Inquiry

15. By this document, the Registrant admits to the truth of the facts referred to in paragraphs 1 to 14 above (the "Agreed Facts").
16. By this document, the Registrant states that:
- a. She understands fully the nature of the allegations against her;
 - b. She has no questions with respect to the allegations against her;
 - c. She understands that by signing this document she is consenting to the evidence as set out in the Agreed Facts being presented to the Discipline Committee;
 - d. She understands that by admitting the allegations, she is waiving her right to require the College to prove the case against her at a contested hearing;
 - e. She understands that the decision of the Discipline Committee and a summary of its reasons, including reference to her name, may be published in the College's annual report and any other publication or website of the College;
 - f. She understands that any agreement between her and the College with respect to the penalty proposed does not bind the Discipline Committee; and
 - g. She understands and acknowledges that she is executing this document voluntarily, unequivocally, free of duress, free of bribe, and that she has been advised of her right to seek legal advice and that she has had the opportunity to receive such advice.
17. In light of the Agreed Facts and Admission of Professional Misconduct, the College and the Registrant submit that the Discipline Committee should find that the Registrant has committed professional misconduct.

REGISTRANT'S PLEA

The Registrant admitted the acts of professional misconduct as set out in the Agreed Statement of Fact.

The Panel conducted an oral plea inquiry and was satisfied that the Registrant's admissions were voluntary, informed, and unequivocal.

SUBMISSIONS OF THE PARTIES ON FINDING

Counsel for the College submitted that the facts and admissions contained in the Agreed Statement of Facts made out all of the acts of professional misconduct admitted to by the Registrant.

Counsel for the Registrant agreed with College Counsel's submissions, namely that the facts admitted in the Agreed Statement of Facts support a finding of professional misconduct as set out therein.

DECISION

On reading the Notice of Hearing, considering the Agreed Statement of Facts, and on hearing the submissions of counsel and counsel for the Registrant. The Panel finds that the Registrant has committed acts of professional misconduct pursuant to:

1. Subsection 51(1)(c) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (the "Code"), as set out in the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 317/12 made under the *Psychotherapy Act, 2007*:
 - a. **Paragraph 1:** Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, namely, i. 6.1 – Fees, ii. 3.1 Confidentiality, iii. 5.1 Record Keeping – Clinical Records; and
 - b. **Paragraph 24:** Breaching, without reasonable cause, an agreement with a client or a client's authorized representative relating to professional services for the client or fees for such services; and
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(c) if the custodian is entitled to refuse the request, in whole or in part, under any provision of this Part other than clause 52 (1) (c), (d) or (e), give a written notice to the individual stating that the custodian is refusing the request, in whole or in part, providing a reason for the refusal and stating that the individual is entitled to make a complaint about the refusal to the Commissioner under Part VI; or

(d) subject to subsection (1.1), if the custodian is entitled to refuse the request, in whole or in part, under clause 52 (1) (c), (d) or (e), give a written notice to the individual stating that the individual is entitled to

make a complaint about the refusal to the Commissioner under Part VI, and that the custodian is refusing,

(i) the request, in whole or in part, while citing which of clauses 52 (1) (c), (d) and (e) apply,

(ii) the request, in whole or in part, under one or more of clauses 52 (1) (c), (d) and (e), while not citing which of those provisions apply, or

(iii) to confirm or deny the existence of any record subject to clauses 52 (1) (c), (d) and (e).

- d. **Paragraph 52:** Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as unprofessional.

REASONS FOR DECISION

Having considered the Registrant's admission of professional misconduct and the facts contained in the Agreed Statement of Facts, the Panel concluded that the College had provided clear, cogent and convincing evidence in support of the allegations and succeeded in proving on a balance of probabilities that the Registrant had committed the acts of professional misconduct. The Panel was satisfied the Registrant's admission was voluntary, informed, and unequivocal.

THE JOINT SUBMISSION ON PENALTY AND COSTS

The Joint Submission on Penalty and Costs was filed as Exhibit 3. Counsel for the College and the Registrant agreed and jointly submitted that the following would be an appropriate order as to penalty and costs in the matter:

1. The Registrant is required to appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee to be reprimanded following the hearing.
2. The Registrar is directed to immediately impose the following specified terms, conditions or limitations on the Registrant's Certificate of Registration, all of which are to be completed at her own expense:

- a. Requiring the Registrant to successfully complete (*i.e.*, unconditionally pass) the PROBE Ethics & Boundaries Course within four (4) months of the date of the Order;
 - b. Requiring the Registrant to practise under the supervision of a registrant who has been pre-approved by the Registrar (the "Monitor") for a period of six (6) months following the Registrant's return to practise, pursuant to the following terms:
 - i. The Monitor shall monitor the Registrant's service agreements with clients (both before and after the execution of such agreements);
 - ii. The Monitor shall specifically communicate with the Registrant about the issues raised in this case, including boundaries and client communication; and
 - iii. The Monitor shall provide the Registrar with reports in writing, on a schedule to be determined by the Registrar, indicating whether the issues identified in paragraph 2(b)(ii) have been addressed with the Registrant and the Registrant is abiding by the expectations of the College; and
 - c. Requiring the Registrant to successfully complete a pre-approved record-keeping course, within three (3) months of the date of the Order.
3. The Registrant is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$6,827.00 within twelve (12) months of the date of the Order. The Registrar is authorized to impose an instalment plan to ensure regular and consistent payment of the costs order.
 4. The Registrant acknowledges that this Joint Submission as to Penalty and Costs is not binding upon the Discipline Committee.
 5. The Registrant acknowledges that she has had the opportunity to receive, and has in fact received, independent legal advice.

DECISION ON ORDER

The Panel accepted the Joint Submission on Penalty and Costs as submitted by the parties and makes an Order in accordance with the terms set out above.

REASONS FOR DECISION ON ORDER

The panel recognized the Registrant's willingness to cooperate with the College, admit that her conduct was unprofessional, and reach an agreement on a statement of facts and joint submission on penalty and costs. The Panel concluded that the parties' joint submission is both reasonable and in the public interest. The joint submission provides for both general and specific deterrence, as well as an opportunity for the Registrant to remediate her practice. The penalty provides general deterrence in that it demonstrates to the profession that such conduct will not be tolerated. With respect to specific deterrence, this will be achieved via the oral reprimand, while remediation will be achieved through the specified terms, conditions and limitations as set out in paragraph 2 above. The panel also concluded that the order on costs was appropriate.

REPRIMAND

At the conclusion of the hearing, having confirmed that the Registrant waived any right to appeal, the panel delivered its oral reprimand. A copy of the reprimand is attached at Schedule "A" of these reasons.

I, Andrew Benedetto, sign this Decision and Reasons for the decision as Chairperson of this Discipline panel and on behalf of the Registrants of the Discipline panel as listed below:

Andrew Benedetto,

Chair, Disciple Panel

July 28, 2021

Kathleen (Kali) Hewitt-Blackie, Professional Member

Carol Cowan-Levine, Professional Member

David Keast, Public Member

Jane Snyder, Public Member

Schedule "A"**Oral Reprimand**

Ms. Hunter you are before this panel of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, Discipline Committee to be reprimanded regarding your conduct as a Registered Psychotherapist. Specifically, with regards to the statement of allegations to which you have agreed to, today.

We trust that you understand the seriousness of your professional conduct. Said behaviour amounts to conduct that would reasonably be regarded as unprofessional. You misled your client to believe your services would be covered by their insurance, which was, in this case inaccurate. Your action breached trust and left your client having to incur expenses out of pocket for your services.

May we impress upon you the importance of clear communication, agreements and understandings with your clients regarding your fees, as required by the professional practice standards of our College.

Furthermore, you failed to protect the confidentiality of a report that you produced. This contravenes one of the cornerstones of our profession as psychotherapists. Members of the CRPO have an obligation to meet clearly articulated standards of professional practice.

Lastly you failed to give your client access to their clinical record, as requested. As the custodian of the client record, you have an obligation to your clients to give them both access and a copy, upon request. This obligation is clearly outlined in the CRPO Practice Standards.

The panel appreciates your co-operation with the College and you taking preemptive steps in remediating your practice to ensure compliance with our Professional Practice Standards going forward. The panel further suggests on-going education in the specialized area of working with high conflict family dynamics.

The practice of psychotherapy is a privilege that carries with it significant obligations to the public, the profession and to oneself. Through your conduct, you have failed in your obligations. In sum your actions have brought disrepute on our profession.

Discipline Panel:

Andrew Benedetto, Chair, Professional Member

Kathleen (Kali) Hewitt-Blackie, Professional Member

Carol Cowan-Levine, Professional Member

David Keast, Public Member

Jane Snyder, Public Member

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